

Please read this entire information sheet before completing the application.

WHAT IS THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT?

The Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) program provides \$5,000 grants to financially needy, placebound Washington residents as an incentive to complete their first bachelor's degree at an eligible college. The grant's purpose is to encourage students who have achieved junior class standing, by completing a transferable associate's degree or transferable credits, to complete their first bachelor's degree.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR EOG?

If you meet the following criteria, you may be eligible for the grant.

- Washington state resident.
- Placebound circumstances. The program defines placebound circumstances as having personal barriers, such as family or employment commitments, health concerns, financial inability, or other similar factors, that make it difficult for you to continue your education at an eligible college. In general, placebound students either have to relocate or are unable to relocate to attend college because of personal barriers.
- Junior class standing. Have at least junior class standing (as determined by the college you plan to attend) by the end of your first term of enrollment by completing a transferable associate's degree or an equivalent amount of transfer credits. *The college you plan to attend must receive your official, final academic transcripts to determine your class standing.*
- Financial need, as determined by the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.
- You must be a junior or senior in 2008-2009 by either transferring or returning to an eligible college after an absence of one or more years. **You are ineligible to receive an EOG at the college you are currently attending.**

WHAT COLLEGES ARE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE?

Antioch University	Heritage University	University of Washington
Art Institute of Seattle	Pacific Lutheran University	Walla Walla University
Bastyr University	Saint Martin's University	Washington State University
Central Washington University	Seattle Pacific University	Western Washington University
Cornish College of the Arts	Seattle University	Whitman College
Eastern Washington University	The Evergreen State College	Whitworth University
Gonzaga University	University of Puget Sound	

The community colleges listed below are eligible for EOG for the following degrees:

Bellevue Community College	Bachelor's of Applied Science in Radiation and Imaging Sciences
Olympic College	Associate Degree Nursing to Bachelor's of Science Nursing
Peninsula College	Bachelor's of Applied Science, Applied Management
South Seattle Community College	Bachelor's of Applied Science in Hospitality Management

You cannot pursue a degree in theology or be required by your college to be involved in any program or class that includes any religious worship, exercise or instruction.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE GRANT?

The EOG has an award value of \$5,000 over six-quarters or four-semester. Students who are unable to complete a bachelor's degree in the time allowed, because of extenuating circumstances, may petition for up to an additional two terms of funding.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE GRANT?

You must complete Part A (Student Information) and Part B (Placebound Circumstances), typed or legibly written in ink.

Mail or fax Part A and Part B to:

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Educational Opportunity Grant
917 Lakeridge Way SW
PO Box 43430
Olympia, WA 98504-3430

Fax number: 360-704-6261

Once the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) receives your application, we will request Part C (financial aid information) from the college(s) you plan to attend; typically on the 1st and 15th of each month. You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and apply for admission to the college in order for the financial aid office to provide this information. Check with the financial aid office for further instructions about completing the financial aid process.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?

The HECB must *receive* your complete application by the deadline for the term you plan to start your attendance at an eligible college. **This includes Part C from the financial aid office at the college(s) you plan to attend.**

- **Fall quarter/semester 2008:** October 1, 2008
- **Winter quarter/spring semester 2009:** February 1, 2009
- **Spring quarter 2009:** April 1, 2009
- **Summer quarter/semester 2009:** June 1, 2009

HOW WILL RECIPIENTS BE SELECTED?

Applications are scored based on each student's placebound circumstances and financial need. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority going to students enrolled full-time. Results of your application will be mailed to you and the financial aid office at the college(s) you plan to attend.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

EOG Program

eog@hecb.wa.gov

1-888-535-0747, option 6

Or visit our Web site: www.hecb.wa.gov/eog

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2008-2009 APPLICATION**

PART A – STUDENT INFORMATION

1. Name: _____ 2. SSN: _____
 Last First Middle
3. Birthdate: _____ 4. Male ☐ Female ☐ 5. Phone: _____
6. E-Mail address: _____
7. What quarters/semesters do you plan on attending during the 2008-2009 academic year? (Mark ALL that apply.)
 Fall 2008 ☐ Winter 2009 ☐ Spring 2009 ☐ Summer 2009 ☐
8. Planned enrollment status for the 2008-2009 academic year:
 Full-time (12 or more credits) ☐ Three-quarters time (9-11 credits)* ☐ Half-time (6-8 credits)* ☐
- *If you plan on attending less than full-time, please explain below:

9. Permanent address: _____
 Street/PO Box City State Zip
10. Mailing address: _____
 Street/PO Box City State Zip
11. Date you became a legal resident of Washington: _____
 (If you have always lived in Washington, use your date of birth.) Month/Year
12. Indicate the college(s) you are considering attending, in order of preference, during the 2008-2009 academic year.

- | College | Main
Campus | Branch Campus/Extended Learning Center
(Please list site) |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 2) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 3) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

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Staying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deny	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placebound	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spring 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. List all colleges you have attended (present/most recent first) below:

_____ Name of College	_____ Name of College
_____ Location of College	_____ Location of College
_____ Dates Attended From/To	_____ Dates Attended From/To
_____ Date Degree Earned	_____ Date Degree Earned
_____ Type of Degree Earned	_____ Type of Degree Earned
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_____ Type of Degree Earned	_____ Type of Degree Earned

(If you have attended more than four previous colleges, please attach an additional sheet.)

14. Planned academic major: _____

15. Student loans, prior to the 2008-2009 academic year:

Total borrowed: \$_____ Current unpaid balance: \$_____

RELEASE OF INFORMATION: The HECB may release your name, the college you previously attended, and the names of the college(s) you entered in question #12 to interested parties, such as the college you previously attended for the purpose of recognizing the accomplishments of grant recipients. Please check here ONLY if you do not wish this information to be released. NO ☐ I do not authorize the HECB to release my information for the purpose of recognition.

STUDENT AGREEMENT: By my signature, I certify that the information contained in Part A of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I give my consent to the financial aid office at the college(s) I plan to attend to release demographic and financial information to assist in the Higher Education Coordinating Board's administration of the program. I certify that, according to the definition provided and to my answers on Part B, I am a placebound citizen. During the entire period I receive the Educational Opportunity Grant, I understand that I cannot pursue a degree in theology or be required by my college to be involved in any program or class that includes any religious worship, exercise or instruction.

Signature

Date

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PART B – PLACEBOUND CIRCUMSTANCES

For the Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) program, **placebound** is defined as:

Personal barriers such as; family or employment commitments, health concerns, financial inability, or other similar factors that make it difficult to continue an education at an eligible college. In general, placebound students either have to relocate or are unable to relocate to attend college because of personal barriers.

Please mark the box by each statement if it applies to your plans to attend an eligible college. Explain special circumstances on the reverse side.

- ☐ I am the caregiver for an elderly or disabled family member. (Explain in detail on reverse side)
- ☐ I will continue to work at my current job.
- ☐ I own the home I currently live in.
- ☐ I will be moving out of the area, approximately _____ miles to attend college.
- ☐ I am returning to college after an absence of one or more years.
- ☐ I have a documented medical condition that requires continued care by my local doctor.
- ☐ Family or friends will assist me with childcare while I am attending college.
- ☐ My spouse will continue to work at their current job.
- ☐ I will be moving because there are no public or private colleges (including branch campuses/extended learning centers) within reasonable commuting distance of my current residence.
- ☐ My dependent has a documented medical condition that requires continued care by their local doctor.
- ☐ I will continue to live in my current government subsidized, low-income housing. (Excluding dormitories)
- ☐ I will be moving because the college I am applying to offers an academic major not available within reasonable commuting distance of my current residence.
The academic major is: _____
- ☐ My child will continue to attend the same daycare or school.
- ☐ The cost of moving is preventing me from attending an eligible college out of the area.

Name: _____
(Please Print)

SSN: _____

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